GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2590
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2003
PENDING EXCISE DISPUTE
HARIBHAI PARTHIBHAI CHAUDHARY;MANSINH PATEL

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)the number of suits pertaining to Central Excise Duty pendingwith the Supreme Court, High Courts and the Tribunals as on February 28, 2003 ;

(b) the date from which these cases are pending;

(c) the steps taken to expedite their settlement; and

(d) the amount involved in those cases as on February 28, 2003, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) The number of suits on Central Excise duty pending with theSupreme Court, High Courts and the Tribunals, as on 28.2.2003,are as under:-

	No. of cases
Supreme Court	1426
High Courts	3874
Tribunals	11346

(b) Age-wise break-up of the cases is as under:-

Cases pending	Supreme Court	High Courts	Tribunals
Less than 6 months	115	367	1106
6-12 months	161	403	1591
1-3 years	482	985	3940
Over 3 years	668	2119	4709

(c) Various steps have been taken to expedite the settlement of the cases which includes bunching of cases issue-wise in Supreme Court and High Courts and filing urgent petitions in the Supreme Court, High Courts and CEGAT for getting the stayvacated or deciding the cases on priority basis. These cases are also closely monitored by the Legal Cells for the Commissionerates and Review/Legal Cell of the Central Board of Excise and Customs.

(d) Total amount involved in these cases is about Rs. 9568 crores. Figures are maintained Chief Commissionerate/zone-wise and the information is given in Annexure `A`.

Annexure `A`

Chief Commissionerate Zone-wise details of amount involved inthe pending suits with the Supreme Court, High Courts and Tribunals (as on 28.2.2003)

Amount (Rs. in crores)

S. No.	Zone	Total amount
1.	Ahmedabad	169.96
2.	Bangalore	149.57
3.	Bhopal	634.61
4.	Bhubaneshwar	53.10
5.	Chandigarh	133.98
6.	Chennai	238.41
7	Cochin	78.35
8.	Coimbatore	198.21
9.	Delhi	855.28
10	Hyderabad	462.16
11.	Jaipur	149.10
12.	Kolkata	476.73
13.	Lucknow	401.75
14.	Mangalore	3.22
15.	Meerut	467.08
16.	Mumbai-I	678.34
17.	Mumbai-II	1553.81
18.	Nagpur	536.77
19.	Pune	679.51
20.	Ranchi	755.62
21.	Shillong	79.07
22.	Vadodara	597.81
23.	Vishakapatnam	215.57
Total		9568.04